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Ukiah Fugitives Escape in Stolen Car; Hunted Here

Two fugitives from the criminal ward at the Mendocino State Hospital for the Insane at Talmage were objects of an intensive manhunt last night after fleeing in a stolen automobile.

The pair, Frank Lugo, 19, and Magriso Ramirez, 22, fled from the institution last Thursday and have since been hiding out in the Mendocino hills, Sheriff E. L. Williams reported last night.

Late yesterday the escapes stole a car owned by William Meyers of San Francisco, and sped away toward San Francisco, Williams said. The car, a pickup truck, had been parked near Purdy's Gardens while the owner and a friend were deer hunting.

Sheriff Williams said Lugo and Ramirez were originally committed to the Sonoma State Home at Eldridge from Los Angeles and some months ago were transferred to the Mendocino institution.

Descriptions of both men and the missing car were broadcast over the statewide police teletype system, and officers in San Francisco and at Los Angeles were asked to keep close watch for the fugitives.

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